

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 2, 2006 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice, and the subject matter thereof has been added to claim 1. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 1. A new claim 23 has been added. No new matter is added, and no issues are raised which require for the consideration and/or search. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 19-23 are respectfully for consideration.

Claims 1 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McNally (U.S. Patent No. 6,113,382). However, claims 2-4, 7, and 19-23 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter, will be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice, and the subject matter thereof has been added to claim 1. The remaining claims have been amended as appropriate such that all of depending claims 3, 4, 6, 7, and 19-22 are dependent upon a claim which contains allowable subject matter.

A new claim 23 is directed to a single mold machine. This claim contains numerous elements, including the subject matter of original claim 2. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, the new claim 23 contains subject matter which has already been

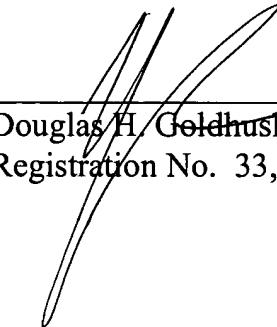
indicated that as being allowable; no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search.

In view of the above, applicants' subject that all of pending claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 19-23 contain allowable subject matter. It is therefore respectfully requested that these claims be allowed, and this application pass to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222.

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